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OF THE TOWN OF

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NEW HAMPSHIRE



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YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL

Town Clerk

BARBARA CAMPBELL

Treasurer

STERLING COLBY

Selectmen

GEORGE L. ADAMS ROLAND J. LEVESQUE
FRED McQUESTEN

Highway Agent

ARNOLD C. CAMPBELL

Auditors

FREDERICK C. GOFFE ERDINE MacDOUGALL

Supervisors

ELIZABETH C. MORRILL LIZZIE B. LEACH
DORIS GOFFE

Ballot Clerks

ERDINE MacDOUGALL SYLVESTER A. REID
HARRIET ALLEN JEAN H. LEACH

Tax Collector

FRANK P. HAYES, JR.

Chief of Police

DAVID A. CAMPBELL

Police Officers

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL
FRED McQUESTEN
JOHN BURNS, JR.

SYLVESTER A. REID
JOHN JANOSZ
HENRY PLOUFF, JR.

Constable

ALLEN M. KENDALL

Forest Fire Warden

FRED McQUESTEN

Deputy Fire Wardens

SYLVESTER A. REID
ROY H. CAMPBELL

DAVID A. CAMPBELL
ROBERT GODDARD

Fire Department

ROBERT JERRY, Chief
FRANCIS SMITH, Deputy Chief
FREDERICK C. GOFFE, Deputy Chief

Health Officer

RICHARD C. LEACH

Library Trustees

FREDERICK C. GOFFE
CORABEL COLBY
WILLIAM McELWAIN

DAVID A. CAMPBELL
HELEN PARKER
RICHARD C. LEACH

Librarian

FLORENCE C. CENTER

Moderator School District

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL

Clerk School District

LEWIS C. GOFFE

Treasurer School District

GLADYS A. LOCKE

School Board

BERTHA G. CROWELL

OLIVE CAMPBELL

CLIFFORD MacDOUGALL

Auditors School District

EDWIN B. HILL

HELEN M. PARKER

Trustees Town Trust Funds

WILFRED ALLEN

DAVID A. CAMPBELL

CLIFFORD MacDOUGALL

Fence Viewing

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL

IRA D. FORD

JAMES T. COLBY, JR.

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL

IRA D. FORD

JAMES T. COLBY, JR.

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TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Litchfield on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, next at one of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$250.00 for the Public Library.

4. To see if the Town will vote to accept Town Road Aid for the permanent improvement of highways. Town to raise \$146.25 and the State to contribute \$974.98.

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes for the year 1955.

6. To see what action the Town will take in regard to Memorial Day and make appropriation for same.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$50.00 (less than 1/100th of one percent of the Town's assessed valuation) to the Merrimack Valley Region Association as the Town's proportionate share in publicizing and promoting all interests in this Region, or act in relation thereto.

8. To see what action the Town will take in regard of selling or disposing of the Litchfield Fire Department —Trailer pump.

9. To see what action the Town will take in regards to buying a tank truck.

10. To see if the Town will use money received from sale of trailer pump towards purchase of a tank truck.

11. To see what action the Town will take in regards of clearing wood roads. Raise and appropriate for same.

12. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the town the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951 and to raise and appropriate the sum of 2% to defray the town's share of the cost thereof.

13. If the foregoing article is adopted, to see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to execute on behalf of the town the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the town will designate the Town Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

14. To see what action the Town will take in regards to Civil Defence. To raise and appropriate for same.

15. To see what action the town will take in regards to purchase a two way radio for the Police Department. To raise and appropriate money for same.

16. To see what action the town will take in regards to Town Dump.

17. To see what action the Town will take regarding the buying of the lot of land between the Town Hall and Church, now owned by Elizabeth Repman to raise and appropriate the sum of money for same. If said Elizabeth Repman is willing to sell said lot.

18. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting and read minutes of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 16th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

GEORGE L. ADAMS
ROLAND J. LEVESQUE
FRED McQUESTEN
Selectmen of Litchfield

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

GEORGE L. ADAMS
ROLAND J. LEVESQUE
FRED McQUESTEN
Selectmen of Litchfield

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall and Lot	\$ 5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	175.00
Library Building and Lot	24,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	800.00
Fire Department	3,500.00
School Building and Lot	17,000.00
Equipment	2,500.00
Highway Equipment	1,000.00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

SUMMARY INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings	\$466,027.00
Electric Plants	110,926.00
Horses (8)	475.00
Neat Stock (15)	825.00
Cows (72)	5,390.00
Hogs (2)	50.00
Fowls (3,120)	3,120.00
Portable Mills (4)	1,150.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks (14)	1,610.00
Stock in Trade	1,150.00
Mills and Machinery	20,000.00
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	\$612,723.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions and Exemptions to Blind	 \$ 27,400.00
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	\$585,323.00

Estimated Revenue From:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$	131.77
Savings Bank Tax		13.50
Reimbursement a/c State Land		24.78
Reimbursement a/c Growing Wood & Timber		680.45
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		1,900.00
Dog Licenses		150.00
Interest on Taxes		75.00

\$2,975.53

TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR

Property Taxes	\$26,309.53
Poll Taxes	464.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	96.00
Timber Yield Tax	424.24
State Head Tax, 273 @ \$5.00	1,365.00
Tax Rate \$45.00 per \$1,000.00 Valuation	

COMPARATIVE LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES AND BUDGET

	Appropriations Previous Year 1954		Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1954		Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1955
Town Officers' Salaries \$	725.00	\$	720.00	\$	720.00
Town Officers' Expenses	825.00		456.84		825.00
Election and Registration Expenses	400.00		555.00		200.00
Municipal Court Expenses					
Reg. Deeds			8.59		
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	475.00		119.85		475.00
Police Department	350.00		507.23		500.00
Fire Department	350.00		262.33		350.00
Insurance—Workmen			105.08		100.00
Health Department, Including Hospitals			17.50		
Dutch Elm Disease			44.40		
Ambulance	50.00		24.00		50.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	100.00		146.00		100.00
Town Maint.—Summer	400.00		478.23		500.00
Town Maint.—Winter	800.00		702.95		800.00
Forest Fire	300.00		258.87		300.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	100.00		58.94		100.00
Town Road Aid	130.00				146.25
Library	250.00		250.00		250.00
Town Poor	60.00		15.90		60.00
Old Age Assistance	480.00		381.28		480.00

Memorial Day and

Veterans' Association	50.00	42.00	50.00
Humaine Society		7.50	
Cemeteries	100.00	96.30	100.00
Locating town corner		13.00	
Damages & Legal Expenses, Incl. Dog Damage	50.00	14.00	50.00
On Temporary Loans— Interest	70.00		70.00
County Taxes	2,200.00	1,221.16	2,200.00
School Taxes	21,633.50	20,844.72	36,492.63
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	\$30,023.50	\$28,351.67	\$44,918.88



BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1954	\$13,112.06
Uncollected Tax 1954	3,815.75
Uncollected Tax 1953	279.43
Uncollected Head Tax 1954	375.00
Uncollected Timber Tax 1954	394.24
Reimbursement From State on Growing Wood and Timber	256.21

\$18,232.69

Liabilities

Due School District 1954	
Appropriations	\$13,633.50
Uncollected Head Tax 1954	375.00
Excess of Assets Over Liabilities	4,224.19

\$18,232.69

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 1,903.25
Dog Licenses	105.00
Filing Fees	10.00

\$ 2,018.25

BARBARA CAMPBELL

Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1954 Warrant (Prop, Poll, Bank Tax)		\$26,869.53
Paid Sterling Colby, Treasurer	\$23,063.78	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1954	3,805.75	
		\$26,869.53

RECEIVED:

Total Payments to Sterling Colby:		
1954 Tax (Prop, Poll & Bank)	\$23,108.78	
1953 Tax (Prop., Poll)	2,439.93	
1953 Tax Interest	68.32	
1952 Tax (Prop., Poll)	31.74	
1952 Tax Interest	7.54	
1951 Tax (Prop.)	12.66	
1950 Tax (Prop.)	.01	
Head Tax 1954	1,025.00	
Head Tax 1953	265.00	
Head Tax 1953 Interest	20.50	
Head Tax 1952	10.00	
Head Tax 1952 Interest	1.00	
Timber Tax 1954	30.00	
Timber Tax 1953	117.31	
Total Received		\$27,137.79

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

	Prop & Bank	Poll	Head	Timber
1954 Warrant	26,405.53	464.00	1,365.00	424.24
Taxes Collected	22,721.78	332.00	990.00	30.00
Taxes Collected Additional	45.00	10.00	35.00	
Taxes Uncollected	3,683.75	132.00	375.00	394.24
1954 Warrant Plus Additions	26,450.53	474.00	1,400.00	424.24
1953 Warrant Uncollected	191.18	18.00	65.00	5.25

COLLECTOR'S EXPENSES:

Allowance for attending meeting—Manchester	\$ 5.00
Mileage bank deposits, withdrawals and collections and appointments	33.00
Postage, Supplies and Tax Forms	19.39
Telephone call	.40
Head Tax Expense (\$1,205.00 @ 3%)	36.15
Total Expenses	\$93.94
Tax Abatement 1954	

James F. Moody	Prop \$45.00	
Tax Abatements 1953	Poll	Head
E. Cornish	\$ 2.00	\$ 5.00
A. Leach	2.00	5.00
S. Leach	2.00	5.00
B. Lapin	2.00	5.00
L. Lavoie	2.00	
B. Campbell	2.00	
L. LaCasse	2.00	5.00
A. LaCasse		5.00
G. Fuller		5.00
K. Brittell		5.00
E. Safford	2.00	
	<hr/> \$16.00	<hr/> \$40.00

F. P. HAYES, JR.

Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance on hand, December 31, 1953	\$13,302.67
Received from:	
F. P. Hayes, Collector	
1950 Property Tax	.01
1951 Property Tax	12.66
1952 Property Tax	29.74
1952 Interest	7.54
1952 Poll Tax	2.00
1952 Head Tax	10.00
1952 Head Tax Penalties	1.00
1953 Property Tax	2,353.93
1953 Interest	68.32
1953 Poll Tax	70.00
1953 Head Tax	225.00
1953 Head Tax Penalties	20.50
1953 Yield Taxes	117.31
1954 Property Tax	22,625.78
1954 Poll Tax	342.00
1954 Head Tax	1,025.00
1954 Yield Taxes	30.00
National Bank Stock	86.00
Bank Capital Stock Tax	10.00
1953 Abatements—Poll Tax	16.00
Head Tax	40.00
1954 Abatements—Property Tax	45.00
Barbara Campbell, Town Clerk	
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,903.25
Dog Licenses	105.00
Filing Fees	10.00
State Treasurer	
General Prevention of Fires	10.31
State's Share—Forest Fires	481.13
Savings Bank Tax	13.53
Interest & Dividends Tax	131.77

Reimbursement, a/c State Forest Land	14.85
Loss of Tax State Land	24.78
Old Age Assistance Recovery	21.42
Refund—Overpayment of Head Tax	81.18
Selectmen	
Use of Fire Equipment	27.50
Refund—Memorial Day	8.00
Manchester Savings Bank	
Interest on Town Money	50.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$43,323.18</u>

Disbursements

Paid Selectmen's Orders	\$30,211.12
Balance on hand, December 31, 1954	<u>\$13,112.06</u>

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

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Use of Fire Equipment	27.50
Refund—Memorial Day	8.00
Interest	50.00
Cash On Hand, Dec. 31, 1953	13,302.67

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICER'S SALARIES

Town Clerk, Barbara Campbell	\$ 50.00
Town Treasurer, Sterling Colby	50.00
Selectman, George Adams	150.00
Selectman, Roland Levesque	100.00
Selectman, Fred McQuesten	100.00
Tax Collector, Frank P. Hayes, Jr.	125.00
Chief of Police, David A. Campbell	50.00
Auditor, Erdine MacDougall	12.00
Auditor, Frederick C. Goffe	12.00
Fire Chief, Robert Jerry	50.00
Trustee, David Campbell	7.00
Trustee, Wilfred Allen	7.00
Trustee, Clifford MacDougall	7.00
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	\$720.00

TOWN OFFICER'S EXPENSES

N. H. Assessors Dues	\$ 3.00
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc. Supplies	16.90
Brown and Salt March Inc.	1.98
Ida M. Homer, Tax Collectors Ass'n. Dues	3.00
Wm. G. Berry, Town Officers' Bonds	83.10
Frank P. Hayes, Jr., Tax Collector—Mileage, Postage and Supplies	93.94
Frank P. Hayes, Jr., Tax Collector, Head Tax	
Charles R. Hardy, Town Clerk Ass'n. Dues	2.00
Dog Licenses 46 @ .20	9.20
Motor Vehicle Permits 312 @ .50	156.00
Barbara Campbell, Town Clerk, Postage, Tel.	5.10
George L. Adams, Selectmen, Tel., Mileage and Meetings	27.88
Fred McQuesten	6.49
Roland Levesque	9.90
McQuesten Office Supplies	19.75
Allied Marking Device Co., Constable Badge	15.60
Maurice A. Broderick	3.00
	<hr/> \$456.84

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Sophia Adams, Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.00
Florence Center, Ballot Clerk	6.50
Sylvester A. Reid, Ballot Clerk	23.00
Erdine MacDougall, Ballot Clerk	23.00
Jean Leach, Ballot Clerk	23.00
Harriet Allen, Ballot Clerk	9.50
Doris Goffe, Supervisor of Check List	33.00
Elizabeth C. Morrill, Supervisor of Check List	33.00
Lizzie B. Leach, Supervisor of Check List	33.00
Charles B. Campbell, Moderator	23.00
Donald McQuesten, Ballots	58.00
Maxfield Press, Town Reports	216.00
Elsie Barlow	9.00
Cole Printing Co., 50 checklists	58.00
	<hr/> \$555.00

TOWN HALL

Public Service Co., Electrical Energy	\$ 21.00
Fred McQuesten, Janitor Service	12.00
Harold & Maude French, Insurance	43.40
Union Leader Corp., Registering of Bids	9.45
Telegraph Publishing	6.00
William J. Rodonis, Wood	28.00
	<hr/> \$119.85

WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Harold & Maude French, Ins.	\$105.08
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FOREST FIRE

David Campbell, Meeting	\$ 2.35
Robert Jerry, Meeting	3.75
Francis Smith, Meeting	4.89
Fred McQuesten, Warden, Meeting	5.30
Sylvester A. Reid, Meeting	3.33
Robert Goddard, Meeting	3.05
Fred McQuesten, So. Derry Rd. Cemetery	100.70
Fred McQuesten, No. End Corning Rd.	203.65
Town of Hudson	22.85
Sylvester A. Reid, Repair Fire Back Pump & Tools	9.00
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	\$258.87

RECEIVED FROM STATE

State share of Training Meetings	\$ 10.31
Received From State on Forest Fire 1953	374.49
Received From State 1954	106.64
Use of Fire Truck	27.50
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	\$518.94

SNOW REMOVAL

Arnold Campbell, Plowing, Snow Truck	\$438.15
David Campbell, Helper	49.50
Leo Gosselin, Water Hole	10.00
A. Seveigny	6.60
Wirthmore Grain	74.70
Merrimack Farm's Co.	124.00
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	\$702.95

HEAD TAX	
State Treasurer, Head Tax	\$1,669.27
TOWN MAINTENANCE	
Arnold Campbell	\$428.73
Town of Hudson, Cold Patch	49.50
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	\$478.23
GENERAL EXPENSES OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	
Arnold Campbell	\$ 58.94
LIBRARY	
Frederick C. Goffe, Treasurer, Library Trustees	\$250.00
HUMAINE SOCIETY	
Winfield W. Dorr, Putting away dogs	\$ 7.50
TOWN POOR	
Roland J. Levesque, Telephone and Mileage	\$ 15.90
CEMETERIES	
Arnold Campbell, Mowing	\$ 21.50
A Seveigny	74.80
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	\$ 96.30
OLD AGE	
State of New Hampshire	\$381.28
SCHOOL DISTRICT	
Gladys A. Locke, 1953 Appropriation	\$12,844.72
Gladys A. Locke, 1954 Appropriation	8,000.00
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	\$20,844.72
RECORDING DEEDS AND MORTGAGES	
Hillsborough County Registry Deeds	\$ 8.29
C. Edward Bourassa	.30
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	\$ 8.59

TOWN DUMP

Arnold Campbell, Labor	\$ 58.90
Fred McQuesten	12.10
Frank Kennedy	75.00
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	\$146.00

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Police Department, Nashua	\$ 24.00
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DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Fred McQuesten	\$ 8.80
Fred McQuesten	8.80
Sylvester A. Reid	8.80
David Campbell	18.00
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	\$ 44.40

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY TREASURER

County Tax	\$2,221.16
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ABATEMENTS REFUNDED

Frank P. Hayes, Jr., Tax Collector	\$101.00
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GEORGE L. ADAMS
ROLAND J. LEVESQUE
FRED McQUESTEN

Selectmen

Audited by:
FREDERICK GOFFE
ERDINE MacDOUGALL

REPORT OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR 1954

Summer Maintenance

Arnold Campbell, Truck & Tractor	\$ 233.00
Fred McQuesten	58.50
Fred D. McQuestion	13.20
Fred Mayo	7.70
David Campbell	44.88
Sylvester Reid	26.40
Howard Legalle	7.70
Richard Snetsinger	5.50
Kenword Thebodeau	3.30
Robert Jerry (use of grader)	10.00

Materials Used

Town of Hudson (Cold Patch)	49.50
Fred McQuestion (Gravel)	6.00
William McElwain (Cedar Posts)	.50

Summer Maintenance, Total	\$ 466.18
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Winter Maintenance

Plowing Roads

Arnold Campbell (truck)	\$ 261.50
David Campbell	61.60
Sylvester Reid	8.80
Asa Haskins	2.20
Howard Legalle	3.30
Richard Snetsinger	2.20

	\$ 339.60
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Salting Roads

Fred McQuestion (truck)	\$ 62.50
Fred D. McQuestion	15.40
Leon Calawa	6.60
David Campbell	5.50
Sylvester Reid	15.40
Andy Seigny	6.60

\$ 112.00

Snow Fence

Arnold Campbell (truck)	\$ 25.00
David Campbell	12.10
Camille St. Armond	2.60
Ferd Mayo	6.60

\$ 45.90

Repairs

R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc. (Plow)	\$ 3.84
Robert Jerry (wing)	3.85
Robert Jerry (Hyd. Pump)	6.05

\$ 13.74

Parts

R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc (Snow Plow Blades)	\$ 51.25
Robert Jerry (Hyd. Fluid)	2.75

\$ 54.00

Materials Used

Wirthmore Grain Co., three (3) tons Salt	\$ 74.70
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, five (5) tons Salt	124.00

\$ 198.70

Total Winter Roads

\$ 763.94

TOTAL SPENT BY HIGHWAY

DEPARTMENT FOR 1954

\$1,230.12

ARNOLD CAMPBELL

Highway Agent

POLICE'S REPORT

To you, the citizens of Litchfield, from your Police Dept:

Litchfield is a comparatively small community, but if you will think back through the past few years you will no doubt remember that practically every phase of police work has been covered by this department. Not as often as in large towns, but it has happened. And the department is expected to cope with all of these situations. We have done our best and when we did not feel qualified to cope with the problem we have not hesitated to call in assistance to help perform our duties. The members are constantly in search of knowledge and have attended classes in police education whenever possible. We have been fortunate in having departments and men surrounding us who have given assistance and knowledge ably and freely.

Times have changed considerably in the past years. Our lives move at a fast rate, traffic problems and accidents have mounted. Emergency situations have multiplied with mechanization. We have met these situations in the past, but we feel that a radio for the department would be of great assistance. The ability to contact aid in an emergency in seconds could mean the savings of a life. A life is a precious thing, something which money cannot buy, but time may save. We are not on duty at all times, but when called we are all ready to serve you, without regards to ourselves. Our job is to protect you, and safeguard the community. We would like this equipment as a further means of better accomplishing our task.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 13 Accidents reported.
- 4 Arrests for speeding.
 - 1 Arrest, passing stopped school bus.
 - 1 Arrest, gross negligence.
 - 1 Arrest, excessive speed.
- 53 Warnings, issued.
 - 2 Emergency runs to hospitals.
 - 2 Cases, breaking and entering.
- 6 Stray dogs to Humaine Society.
- 2 Stray dogs, disposed of.
 - 1 Vicious dog.
 - 1 Dog killing poultry.
- 54 Calls and complaints.
- 15 Calls from other departments.

In an emergency, either Police or Fire. If your line is busy ask the people talking to give you the line. If the line you are calling is busy dial the operator, tell her it's an emergency. Give her the number you are calling and she will clear the line.

We are pleased to report that several members of the department are going to Hudson to attend a police school, sponsored by Chief Polak, who is a graduate of F.B.I. training school.

DAVID A. CAMPBELL

Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT

David A. Campbell, Chief of Police, Mileage @ .07 per mile—Hours @ \$1.00 per hr.— Telephone Calls	\$353.09
Charles B. Campbell, Police Duty	3.50
John Janosz, Police Duty	4.00
Fred McQuesten, Mileage @ .07—Hours @ 1.00	45.00
Sylvester A. Reid, Mileage @ .07—Hours @ 1.00	72.09
Robert Jerry, Labor and Parts	2.80
Hudson Pharmacy, Emergency Lights	7.75
Hudson Pharmacy, 8 Batteries	1.20
N. H. Explosiser and Mach. Co., 1 Gross 20 min. Road Flares	17.80
x	<hr/> \$507.23

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Harold & Maude French, Insurance	\$ 31.05
Robert Jerry, Gas, Repairs & Parts	29.08
Harold & Maude French, Insurance on Truck	68.75
Harold & Maude French, Additional Premium	1.45
Robert Jerry, Rent of Battery	12.00
Robert Jerry, Rent on Fire Truck	120.00
	<hr/> \$262.33

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT

Total number of permits issued 15

4 for dwellings

6 for other buildings

5 for alterations

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD MacDOUGALL

Building Inspector

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

35. Permits. (B) No person, firm or corporation shall kindle or cause to be kindled any fire or shall burn or cause to be burned any material, and no city or town shall kindle or maintain a fire or a public dump, in or near woodlands, pasture, brush, sprout, waste, or cut-over land, or where fire may be communicated to such land, except when the ground is covered with snow, without first obtaining a written permit from the forest fire warden of the town where the burning is to be done unless the same is in the presence of the warden or his agent.

36. Liability for Fires Without Permit. Any person causing or kindling a fire without permit of the forest fire warden, when such permit is required, and any person by whose negligence or the negligence of his agents any fire shall be caused, shall be liable in a civil action for the payment to the town, or the state or both, of the expenses incurred by the forest fire warden or deputy warden in attending or extinguishing such fire.

Forest Fire Wardens Report:

Number of fires	2
Acres Burned	2 1/2
Number of Permits Issued	3

FRED McQUESTEN

Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TOWN TRUST FUNDS

ALPHONSE H. POWERS CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1953 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$104.77
Dec. 31, 1954 Dividend	3.68
	<hr/> \$108.45
Paid Out	4.00
	<hr/> \$104.45

ZOE WHITTEMORE CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1953 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$113.50
Dec. 31, 1954 Dividend	3.99
	<hr/> \$117.49
Paid Out	4.00
	<hr/> \$113.49

MARY L. MARSH CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1953 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$107.35
Dec. 31, 1954 Dividend	3.79
	<hr/> \$111.14
Paid Out	4.00
	<hr/> \$107.14

JOHN A. CORNING & GEORGIA WATTS CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1953 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$106.10
Dec. 31, 1954 Dividend	3.73
	<hr/> \$109.83
Paid Out	2.00
	<hr/> \$107.83

SELAH BIXBY CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1953 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$1,556.55
Dec. 31, 1954 Dividend	54.93
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	\$1,611.48
Paid Out	8.00
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	\$1,603.48

FRANKLIN S. BANCROFT CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1953 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$206.07
Dec. 31, 1954 Dividend	7.27
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	\$213.34
Paid Out	4.00
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	\$209.34

CHARLES G. PARKER CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1953 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$126.75
Dec. 31, 1954 Dividend	4.44
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	\$131.19
Paid Out	4.00
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	\$127.19

JOHN KENNARD LIBRARY FUND

Dec. 31, 1953 Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$515.14
Dec. 31, 1954 Dividend	15.56
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	\$530.70

SELAH BIXBY LIBRARY FUND

Dec. 31, 1953 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$112.70
Dec. 31, 1954 Dividend	3.96
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	\$116.66

BANCROFT HIGHWAY FUND

Dec. 31, 1953 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$1,316.22
Dec. 31, 1954 Dividend	46.46
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	\$1,362.68

AARON CUTLER LIBRARY FUND

Dec. 31, 1953 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$4,610.08
Dec. 31, 1954 Dividend and Interest	935.12
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	\$5,545.20
Paid Treasurer, Library Trustees	1,506.08
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Dec. 31, 1954 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$4,039.20
U. S. Bonds	3,200.00
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	\$7,239.20
Estimated Value Stocks	\$13,300.00

DAVID A. CAMPBELL
WILFRED ALLAN
CLIFFORD M. MacDOUGALL
Trustees

AARON CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Receipts 1954

Cash on hand, January 1, 1954	\$ 50.35
Town of Litchfield	287.50
Town Trustees	1,500.00
School District	355.29
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	\$2,193.14

Payments

David Campbell, Lights	\$ 21.00
M. E. Haight, Janitor & Supplies	89.25
Public Service Co.	102.49
Fullers Fuel Oil Service	355.56
F. L. Center, Librarian	275.00
M. Hickey, Magazines	43.00
Book of the Month Club	44.59
T. Marsan, Janitor & Supplies	97.96
R. Leach, Supplies	7.00
A. Leblanc, Furnace	1,000.00
S. Ried, Labor	30.79
Hammer Hardware	1.50
R. Jerry, Gas Can & Gas	2.70
Johnson Electric	1.60
R. M. Baker, Books	73.41
C. Wilson, Lawnmower repairs	15.00
R. Smith, Plumber	15.36
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	\$2,176.21
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1954	\$ 16.93

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

SUPPLEMENTARY CATALOG

December 31, 1953—December 31, 1954

General

Benet, John Brown's Body	5948
Clay, New England's Buried Treasure	5923
Cowper, Poems	5997
Davies, Quebec	5968
Dugan, Great Iron Ship	5950
Dulles, American Red Cross	5966
Eaton, Handicrafts of New England	5976
Eckhouse, Wise Handbook of Masonry	5956
Ferris, Great Leaders	5995
Fischman, Week-end Builders	5978
Flower, Just as It Happened	5952
Freemantle, Europe	5950
Hagedorn, Roosevelt Family of Sagamore Hill	5926
Harrer, Seven Years in Tibet	5910
Hatcher, Lake Erie	5971
Heide, My Sister and I	5989
Homer, Odyssey	5983
Hopkins, Dr. Johnson's Litchfield	5983
Ibsen, Plays of Henrik Ibsen	5930
Kilman and Wright, Hugh Roy Cullen	5935
Kronenberger, Calvalcade of Comedy	5945
Lewis, Dragon Apparent	5949
Marlowe, Coaching Roads of New England	5958
Menen, Ramayana	5946
Milton, Paradise Lost	5999
Montagu, Man Who Never Was	5906
Murchie, Long of the Sky	5984
New Hampshire, Journal of the House, 1953	5904
New Hampshire, Journal of the Senate, 1953	5903

New Hampshire, Reports, January 1953 Mar. 1954, Vol. XCVIII	5933
Newmark, Dictionary of Foreign Words and Phrases	5980
Palfy, Lady and the Painter	5955
Pound, Lake Ontario	5970
Rand McNally, World Guide	5913
Rosenbloom, Peace through Strength	5936
Ross-Radar and Other Electronics	5957
Rumes and Schrickel, Encyclopedia of the Arts	5982
Shipley, Dictionary of Word Origins	5979
Steffek, Wild Flowers and How to Grow Them	5972
Stevens, Through Poet's Window	5988
Taylor, Fifty Centuries of Art	5951
Tulloch, Worcester, Massachusetts	5998
Vande Water, Lake Champlain and Lake George	5969
Webster, Best of H. T. Webster	5902
Winchester, Biology and Its Relation to Mankind	5967
Wise, Nature of the Liberal Arts	5922
Yates, Early American Crafts and Hobbies	5981

Fiction

Adams, Sunrise to Sunset	5907
Barker, Fire and the Hammer	5907
Bekessy, Barabbas	5990
Brace, Garretson Chronicle	5927
Brace, The Spire	5954
Brush, Boy from Maine	5987
Chase, New York 22	5908
Davenport, My Brother's Keeper	5934
Dean, Murder of Convenience	5931
Du Maurier, Mary Anne	5921
Fair, Bramton Wick	5974
Faulkner, Faulkner Reader	5912
French, The Colonials	5996
Gouzenko, Fall of a Titan	5920
Hauck, Beloved Buff	6000
Hawthorne, Blithedale Romance	5991

Hergesheimer, Tampico	5986
Hyman, No Time for Sergeants	5947
Kipling, "Captains Courageous"	5977
MacInnes, I and My True Love	5924
Masters, Bhowani Junction	5910
McCutcheon, Graustark	5993
Remarque, Time to Live and a Time to Love	5919
Riddell, Dream Island	5965
Robertson, Of Whales and Men	5911
Stanford, Red Car	5975
Stevenson, Shoulder the Sky	5953
Train, Butler's Story	5994
Vance, Brass Bowl	5992
Wallop, Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant	5925
West, Cress Delahanty	5901

Juvenile

Anderson, Horses are Folks	5973
Bailey, Picture Book of California	5938
Bailey, Picture Book of Iowa	5939
Bailey, Picture Book of Missouri	5940
Dean, White Ox	5918
Erickson, il., Peter Rabbit and Slip	5959
Friskey, Adventure Begins at Home	5961
Fun for Me	5964
Langdale, Kit of Danger Cove	5932
Neurath, Around the World in a Flash	5943
Novinger, Skip Sees the Signs	5941
Sharp and Rice, Gee Whillikins	5917
Sharp and Young, Downy Duck	5916
Sharp and Young, Watch Me	5915
Sharp and Young, Who Are You?	5914
Tazewell, Littlest Angel	5962
Thomas, A Is for Angel	5937
Torrey, Three Little Chipmunks	5963
Tousey, John C. Fremont	5944
Tresselt, Follow the Road	5942
Wallerstein, Tommy and Julie	5985
Werner, Golden Book of Trains	5960

Resources

Number of volumes at beginning of year	5871
Number of volumes added	100
Total Number at end of year	5971

Services

Number of volumes loaned to adults	714
Number loaned to children	636
Magazines, pamphlets, maps, etc., loaned	294
Total circulation	1644

Donations

Magazines, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Sherk, Mrs. Leona Walker.
Books—Mrs. Rebecca Blodgett, Mrs. John Clement, Mrs.
Paul Hendrick, Mrs. Robert Goddard, Mrs. Lena Walker,
Mrs. Edith R. Lovering, and Mr. Russell Hammond.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE C. CENTER,

Librarian.

MEMORIAL DAY

Lizzie B. Leach

\$50.00

MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

David Campbell and Roland Levesque placed the flags in the cemeteries and Ralph Aiken placed the wreaths on the plaques at the Library and Town Hall. A supper was served at the Grange Hall at 6:30 by Verna Humburger, Loretta Jerry, Lizzie B. Leach, Triffle Marson, and Leo Beland.

At eight o'clock the following exercises were given with David Campbell as Master of Ceremonies.

Salute to Flag.

Song—Star Spangled Banner.

Reading—Elizabeth Repman

Song—Elmer Safford.

Song—School Children.

Song—Onward Christian Soldiers.

Address—Dr. Webster Brodt.

Taps were played on the piano by Bertha Crowell.

The wreaths were made by Mrs Jean Leach and Mrs. Loretta Jerry.


Bill for Memorial Day:

Groceries	\$20.28
Milk	2.22
Decorations	1.50
Flags	8.00
Hall	8.00
Telephone and stamps	2.00
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	\$42.00


Contribution given waitresses. I am turning back to the town \$8.00. I thank you all so much.

Respectfully submitted,
LIZZIE B. LEACH

Chairman



SCHOOL DISTRICT



SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Litchfield qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the fourth day of March 1955, at Seven (7) o'clock in the Evening, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the School District will vote to elect its officers by an official ballot and to adopt the non-partisan ballot system as provided in Section 112-120 of Chapter 34 of the Revised Laws for such election.

10. To see what action the School District of Litchfield will take with regard to transporting school children to and from school on all hard-surfaced roads in Litchfield; Thirty (30) days notice on sealed bids advertised in two papers on two different dates—three-year contract.

11. To see if the District will vote to build and equip a three-room addition to the present Litchfield School.

12. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$46,825.00 for the construction, equipment, and furnishing of a three-room addition to the present Litchfield school and the acquisition of any real property that may be necessary for its location; and whether the district will vote to raise such sum through the issuance of serial notes or bonds upon the credit of the district for all or any portion of the sum so raised and appropriated; and to authorize the school board to determine the terms and conditions upon which the notes or bonds shall be issued including their sale and the time and place of payment of principal and interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Bonds Statute, N. H. Revised Laws, Chapter 72, and any amendments thereto.

Given under our hands at said Litchfield this Fourteenth day of February 1955

BERTHA CROWELL
OLIVE CAMPBELL
CLIFFORD M. MacDOUGALL
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

BERTHA CROWELL
OLIVE CAMPBELL
CLIFFORD M. MacDOUGALL
School Board

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

To The Citizens of Litchfield:

During the past year our problems have greatly increased. Due to twenty pupils formerly attending parochial school returning to our town, we were obliged to open a new room in the basement of the library. We wish to thank the Trustees of the Library for their co-operation in assisting in making the basement into a very pleasant schoolroom.

We are faced with the problem of building to house the children. We all realize the value of education and the necessity of the proper facilities to administer its functions. Our present building is a finely constructed one, much admired by all who inspect it, but inadequate for the present enrollment. We hope the citizens will support the School District in its need and help to construct a building of which we will be proud.

The Prize Speaking Contest held in the Fall was a great success, showing the interest of the children and the result of training. We have much talent which can be developed in the future.

Under Mr. Boska's supervision our athletic program has progressed nicely. Our baseball and basketball teams have competed with outside teams. Transportation has been furnished by teachers and parents.

We wish to thank the Men's Club for their kind services in running a series of whist parties for the benefit of the school. Such assistance is always gratifying.

A Parent Teachers Group was formed in the Fall which we trust will aid and assist the school in many ways.

BERTHA G. CROWELL
OLIVE CAMPBELL
CLIFFORD MacDOUGALL
School Board

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1955-56

School District of Litchfield

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1955.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 182.00	\$ 182.00	\$ 182.00
Superintendent's Salary (local share)	206.25	163.25	221.25
Tax for State Wide Supervision	160.00	162.00	220.00
Salaries of other Administrative personnel	118.50	162.00	280.00
Supplies and expenses of Administration	216.25	214.25	265.50
Principal's and teachers' Salaries	8,605.00	9,090.00	14,740.00
Books and other Instructional Aids	192.00	242.00	308.00
Scholars' Supplies	224.00	286.00	368.50
Supplies and other Expenses of Instruction	75.00	75.00	110.00
Salaries of Janitors	650.00	700.00	950.00
Fuel or Heat	575.00	600.00	1,000.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses	300.00	300.00	550.00
Repairs and Replacements	350.00	100.00	100.00
Health Supervision	235.10	235.10	233.48
Transportation	2,700.00	2,700.00	3,000.00
Tuition	5,805.00	5,650.00	5,580.00
Special Activities and Special Funds	370.00	666.00	1,000.00
Retirement	560.00	605.28	988.90
Insurance, Treasurer's Bonds and Expenses	10.00	10.00	45.00
New Equipment	120.00	300.00	300.00
Principal of Debt			3,000.00
Interest on Debt			1,050.00
Deficit			3,000.00
Total amount required to meet School Board's Budget	\$21,654.10	\$22,442.88	\$37,492.63
Estimated Income of District, State Aid	1,000.00	809.38	Unknown
Assessment Required to Balance School Board's Budget	\$20,654.10	\$21,633.50	Unknown

BERTHA G. CROWELL
 OLIVE CAMPBELL
 CLIFFORD MacDOUGALL
 School Board

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

School District of Litchfield, N. H.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954

Summary

Cash on Hand July 1, 1953	\$ 139.48
(Treasurer's Bank Balance)	
Received from Selectmen (include only amounts actually received)	
Current Appropriation	\$21,044.72
Received from State Treasurer	
State Funds	1,097.79
Received from all Other Sources	7.80
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Total Receipts	\$22,150.31
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	
(Balance and Receipts)	22,289.79
Less School Board Orders Paid	22,022.27
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Balance on Hand June 30, 1954	
(Treasurer's Bank Balance)	\$ 267.52
GLADYS A. LOCKE	
District Treasurer	
July 15, 1954	

Auditors' Certificate

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Litchfield, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 and find them correct in all respects.

HELEN M. PARKER
EDWIN B. HILL

Auditors

July 15, 1954

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LITCHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

Receipts

Federal Aid	
National School Lunch	\$ 288.41
State Aid	
Foundation Aid	809.38
Local Taxation	
Current Appropriation	20,844.72
Special Appropriations	200.00
Other Sources	
Other	7.80
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Total receipts from all sources	\$22,150.31
Cash on hand, July 1, 1953	139.48
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Grand Total Net Receipts	\$22,289.79

Payments

Administration

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 182.00
Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)	206.25
Tax for State Wide Supervision	160.00
Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel	103.50
Supplies and Expenses	85.38

Instruction

Teachers' Salaries	8,783.23
Books and Other Instructional Aids	77.87
Scholars' Supplies	167.76
Supplies and Other Expenses	117.26

Operation of School Plant	
Salaries of Custodians	650.00
Fuel or Heat	640.25
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	252.58
Maintenance of School Plant	
Repairs and Replacements	363.67
Auxiliary Activities	
Health Supervision	210.10
Transportation	2,700.00
Tuition	5,787.08
Special Activities and Special Funds	60.90
School lunch	672.28
Fixed Charges	
Retirement	570.34
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses	27.32
Capital Outlay	
New Equipment	204.30
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Total Payments for all Purposes	\$22,022.27
Total Cash on hand at end of year (June 30, 1954)	267.52
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Grand Total Net Payments	\$22,289.79

BALANCE SHEET, JUNE 30, 1954

Assets

Cash on hand (June 30; 1954)	\$267.52
Total Assets	\$267.52
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities Over Assets)	0.00
Grand Total	\$267.52

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by District	
James Painting Company	\$ 85.00
Interstate Restaurant Co.	175.00
Total Liabilities	\$260.00
Surplus (Excess of Assets Over Liabilities)	7.52
Grand Total	\$267.52

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

BERTHA CROWELL
OLIVE CAMPBELL
CLIFFORD M. MacDOUGALL
School Board

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

Receipts

Balance in bank	\$ 139.48
Lunch Fund from State Treasurer	288.41
State Aid	809.38
Bertha Crowell for Volley Ball and Net	7.80
Appropriation	\$21,044.72
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	\$22,289.79

Payments

Florence Center	\$ 1,812.40
Allison Gleason	2,179.07
Lena Walker	1,859.01
Catherine Hammond	160.00
Margaret Cronin	192.00
Newell Carney	650.00
Colby Brothers	2,700.00
Elizabeth Morrill	273.78
Mary Haight	370.00
Collector of Internal Revenue	1,186.30
William G. Parker Co.	10.00
Edson C. Eastman Inc.	3.20
Rinehart Handwriting System	325.00
Mrs. Lena Walker	6.00
N. H. State Teachers Assoc.	5.00
Silver Burdett Co.	25.30

Wilcox & Follett Co.	11.72
The Macmillan Co.	31.08
Scott Foresman & Co.	53.70
C. S. Hammond & Co.	28.85
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	58.41
Public Service Co. of N. H.	192.94
James Painting Contractor	181.00
George D. Park	641.60
Sylvester A. Reid	77.00
Arnold Campbell	33.80
Newell B. Carney	10.00
N. H. - Vt. Hospitalization Service	189.05
Washington National Insurance	105.00
N. H. Teachers Retirement System	1,228.54
Miss Francis Hobbs Sub. #27 Treas.	144.75
Beckley-Cardy Co.	25.51
I. L. Hammett Co.	13.88
Milton Bradley Co.	74.34
H. L. Shepherd	50.77
Cascade Paper Co.	178.30
Community Gas Co., Inc.	51.40
State Treasurer	412.77
City of Nashua	1,162.08
City of Manchester	600.00
Mary Haight lunch fund	288.41
Lincoln Stores, Inc.	13.87
Philip Morris & Co.	60.90
Johnson's Electric Supply	5.25
Lewis Goffe	50.00
Bertha Crowell	40.00
Olive Campbell	40.00
Gladys A. Locke	40.00
Mainco Trading Co.	10.10
D. F. Monroe Co.	12.74
Town of Hudson	4,025.00
Bertha G. Crowell	17.52
N. H. Welding Supply Co.	26.00
Mrs. Nancy Henderick	5.00

Allison Gleason	30.00
Helen M. Parker	6.00
Edwin Hill	6.00
Gladys Locke	5.93
Mrs. J. Dorson	8.00

\$22,022.27

Total Receipts \$22,289.79

Total Payments 22,022.27

Balance on hand \$ 267.52

GLADYS A. LOCKE

Treasurer

Audited and Approved, July 15, 1954

HELEN M. PARKER

EDWIN B. HILL

Auditors

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Litchfield School Board:

I herewith submit my Sixth Annual Report as your superintendent of schools. Once again it is my distinct privilege to report nothing but the greatest cooperation between the schools and the citizens of Litchfield. My admiration and respect for the School Board for the time and effort it has been willing to unselfishly expend that the pupils in the Litchfield Schools might have equal educational opportunities with the pupils in other communities, has reached a new high.

There are two problems that seemingly will be with us for some time to come. The first is the continually rising school enrollment and the second is a direct outgrowth of this nation wide trend. It is a very serious and critical shortage of the type of teachers we would like to have teach our children.

The enrollment in the Litchfield schools has grown by leaps and bounds. The District would have been in a very serious position if there were no Memorial Library with a fine basement room. The outlay that would have been necessary to make any other public building suitable, even for temporary occupancy, as a class room would have been a staggering blow to a rising tax rate. One more additional room will be needed next fall. This presents a situation so critical that every attempt should be made to find a solution to the problem of housing at the meeting this March. To postpone action on this vital matter would be a very costly stop-gap measure. The Board and Building Committee has worked very diligently and the plan they present is very practical and workable.

The only way in which New Hampshire can keep a full staff of qualified teachers is to keep pace with rising salaries that are being paid in neighboring states. It is a definite

responsibility of every District to face the situation realistically, see the picture as it actually is, and finally resign itself to the fact that if it wants to have and to keep good teachers it must pay as much or more than those who are competing for these same people. Litchfield has been very fortunate in the calibre of teachers it has been able to employ. Every possible step should be taken to make working conditions as desirable as possible so that we may keep the fine teachers we have and to give the Board an opportunity to hire people of the same calibre for unavoidable replacements and additional positions.

In this, my final report, I want to thank the Board members, both past and present, who have so faithfully fulfilled the trust put in them and who have, in every way, tried to make my work as rewarding and pleasant as was humanly possible. My sincere thanks also go to the teachers of this District who have been willing to use every bit of their skill and knowledge that some one else's child might have the same educational opportunities they might wish for their own children. I shall sincerely miss all the fine people of Litchfield with whom it has been my privilege to work these past six years.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. HASTINGS

Superintendent of Schools

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT 1954

School District of Litchfield, N. H.

Expenditures (1954-55)

Current Expenditures	\$22,142.88
Capital Outlay	
New Equipment	300.00

Total Appropriation (including
appropriations voted at special
meetings) \$22,442.88

Receipts (1954-55)

State Aid, December 1954,	
Allotment	\$ 809.38
Assessment Required to Meet	
School District Appropriation	21,633.50

Total Appropriation (including
appropriations voted at special
meetings) \$22,442.88

Certificates

To the Board of Selectmen:

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Litchfield school district held March 6, 1954.

June 14, 1954

LEWIS C. GOFFE

Clerk of the School District

To the State Department of Education:

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the financial proceedings of the district for the school year 1954-55, and that copies of this statement have been filed with the chairman of the board of selectmen and entered in the records of the school board in accordance with N. H. Laws of 1951, Chapter 37, Section 2.

BERTHA G. CROWELL

Chairman of the School Board

TEACHERS UNDER APPOINTMENT

Teachers	Contract Salary	Salary less Deductions
Charles Boska	\$2,900.00	\$2,698.30
Esther Clark	2,500.00	1,912.77
Ruth B. Hastings	1,250.00	773.97
Thelma Gibson	1,250.00	858.38
Catherine Hammond	180.00	180.00
Elizabeth Morrill	300.00	300.00
Margaret E. Tetreault	2,550.00	1,983.20

ENUMERATION OF CHILDREN UNDER 18, September 1, 1954

Grade	Litchfield School	Other Schools	Total	Grand Total In Litchfield School
12*		5	5	
11		5	5	
10		5	5	
9		8	8	
8	7	0	7	
7	8	1	9	
6	12	0	12	
5	12	0	12	
4	9	1	10	
3	12	1	13	
2	18	1	19	
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1954-55	24	3	27	102
1955-56	15	2	17	110
1956-57	17	2	19	119
1957-58	13	0	13	120
1958-59	12	1	13	120
1959-60	16	0	16	127
1960-61	8	2	10	? **
Others			7	
Grand Total			227	

* Three high school students over 18 are not counted in this census.

** Statistics for this year were incomplete on Sept. 1, 1954.

HEALTH REPORT

For School Year from September 1953 to June 1954
To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Board
of Litchfield:

Total number of pupils examined—58

Number of Defects Found		Number of Defects
		Corrected
Vision	2	2
Hearing	1	Lip-reading
Speech defect	3	classes
Teeth	34	23
Tonsils	4	3

Communicable Diseases

Measles—I

On Registration Day 18 children were examined.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. CRONIN, R.N.

School Nurse

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES

William Beaumont of Litchfield and Rose Rock of Hudson, were married in Nashua, March 14, 1954.

Normand Ricard of Litchfield and Dorothy Grenan of Hudson, were married in Hudson, July 3, 1954.

BIRTHS

Denise Ann, born to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Labrie in Nashua, February 6, 1954.

Denise Marie, born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Durocher in Nashua, June 25, 1954.

Karen Janice, born in Nashua to Mr. and Mrs. John Illgs, July 1, 1954.

David Raymond, born in Nashua to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Daniels, July 7, 1954.

Kevin Arthur, born in Nashua to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lynch, July 8, 1954.

Raymond Roger Jr., born in Nashua to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jean, July 9, 1954.

Amy Tudor, born in Nashua to Mr. and Mrs. William McElwain, July 15, 1954.

DEATHS

Charles Thomas Brettell died in Litchfield, August 23, 1954, age 83 years and 8 months.

Joseph Hebert died in Litchfield, November 7, 1954, age 89 years.

